

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Jopek, on April 2, 2009 at 3:01 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)
Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 38, 4/1/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 38, Revise laws governing nurseries and plant dealers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:57 Sen. Verdell Jackson, SD 5, Kalispell
00:04:22 Rep. Butcher joined the committee.
00:09:56 Ron de Yong, Director, Department of Agriculture
00:16:44 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council
00:17:58 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:18:32 Rep. Wanda Grinde, HD 48, Billings

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:37 Rep. Taylor
00:20:02 Sen. Jackson
00:20:29 Rep. Taylor
00:20:39 Mr. de Yong
00:21:08 Rep. Wagner
00:22:17 Mr. de Yong
00:22:33 Donna Rise, Pest Management Bureau Chief, Department of Agriculture
00:23:02 Rep. Wagner
00:23:13 Ms. Rise
00:23:23 Rep. Wagner
00:24:24 Ms. Rise
00:24:56 Rep. Wagner
00:25:01 Ms. Rise
00:25:12 Rep. MacDonald
00:25:54 Ms. Rise
00:26:28 Rep. Belcourt
00:26:52 Ms. Rise
00:27:19 Rep. Belcourt

00:27:33 Rep. Butcher
00:28:55 Ms. Rise
00:30:12 Rep. Butcher
00:31:17 Ms. Rise
00:31:53 Rep. Hoven
00:32:10 Ms. Rise
00:32:25 Chairman Jopek
00:32:55 Mr. de Yong
00:33:54 Chairman Jopek
00:33:59 Ms. Rise
00:34:30 Chairman Jopek
00:35:00 Rep. Wagner
00:35:44 Mr. de Yong
00:36:47 Rep. Wagner
00:37:06 Ms. Rise
00:38:38 Rep. Wagner
00:39:19 Ms. Rise
00:42:27 Rep. Wagner
00:43:37 Ms. Rise
00:43:44 Chairman Jopek
00:43:49 Rep. Bean
00:44:25 Sen. Jackson
00:44:34 Rep. Belcourt
00:44:54 Mr. de Yong
00:45:08 Ms. Rise
00:46:06 Rep. MacDonald
00:46:45 Rep. Grinde
00:48:37 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:47 Sen. Curtiss

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00:52:47 Chairman Jopek
00:53:26 Rep. Warburton
00:53:45 Chairman Jopek
00:53:56 Rep. Warburton
00:53:59 Chairman Jopek

ADJOURNMENT

00:54:10 Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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